



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## NEWS FOR VETERANS

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### PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS PRESENT CHECK FOR SACRAMENTO STAND DOWN

In a brief but heartfelt ceremony held on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> in the department's Medal of Honor Hall, the River City Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association presented a check to Mrs. Barbara Ross, Chair of the Sacramento Stand Down Association, to support Sacramento Stand Down 2004 taking place October 1-3 at Camp Pollock.

"This donation from the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for Sacramento Stand Down 2004 is another example of veterans helping veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson. "My most heartfelt gratitude goes to Sam Clowder, President of the River City Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors and to Haile "Jake" Jaekel the groups' Vice President for this donation which will go a long way in helping provide homeless and other veterans with a hand up later this year."

The California Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to facilitate meetings between veterans' service organizations wishing to support local Stand Downs in their communities. If your veteran service organization wishes to make a donation to their local Stand Down, please contact Mike Slater, CDVA Veterans Service Representative at 916-503-8376.

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### VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB 1688, by Senator Roy Ashburn (R-Bakersfield) - Veterans Appreciation Week, on June 30, 2004. This bill annually designates the second full week in November as Veterans Appreciation Week, in recognition of veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The first official Veterans Appreciation Week will be in November 2005. For a chaptered version of the bill, please see the following website:

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb\\_1651-1700/sb\\_1688\\_bill\\_20040701\\_chaptered.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1651-1700/sb_1688_bill_20040701_chaptered.html)

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### VA BEGINS CHIROPRACTIC CARE

WASHINGTON – Veterans can receive chiropractic care at 26 selected United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities beginning this fall, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi recently announced.

VA will hire or contract with doctors of chiropractic to provide the care. In consultation with VA primary care providers, doctors of chiropractic will offer patient evaluations and chiropractic care for neuromusculoskeletal conditions.

"Today, VA makes another significant improvement to the world-class health care we provide for eligible veterans," said Principi. "Veterans who will benefit from chiropractic services will now have the

opportunity to receive chiropractic care to restore them to good health."

Locations where chiropractic care will be provided include Togus, Maine; West Haven and Newington, Conn.; Buffalo and the Bronx, N.Y.; Butler, Pa.; Martinsburg, W.Va.; Columbia, S.C.; Augusta, Ga.; Tampa and Miami, Fla.; Mountain Home, Tenn.; Columbus, Ohio; Danville, Ill.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Kansas City, Kan.; Jackson, Miss.; San Antonio, Temple, and Dallas, Texas; Albuquerque, N.M.; Fort Harrison, Mont.; Seattle, Wash.; **Sacramento and Los Angeles, Calif.**; and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Eligible veterans in areas distant from these locations will also be able to receive chiropractic care through VA's outpatient fee-basis program after a referral by their primary care provider, and prior authorization by the department.

VA was authorized to offer chiropractic care and services under the provisions of section 204 of Public Law 107-135, the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001.

Chiropractors seeking employment or to provide contract services to veterans should call the Human Resources office of any of the above facilities. Some VA positions may be advertised at <http://www.vacareers.com>.

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